

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PLASMA CONTAINMENT

Abstract of the Disclosure

An apparatus and method for plasma containment is disclosed. By varying the system energy subject to Maxwell's equations, momentum moment equations, and adiabatic equations of state, without imposing a quasi-neutrality condition. In one embodiment, electrons are confined by magnetic forces and ions by internal, electrostatic forces that arise due to charge separation of the two fluids. In one embodiment, input parameters for the energy variation process are selected so as to satisfy a plasma beta parameter condition, thereby reducing the number of control variables by one. The radial scale length for cylindrically symmetric plasmas in one-dimensional equilibrium is characterized by the electron skin depth. Such plasmas can be confined as a high aspect ratio toroid having compact dimensions. Applications of the compact plasma fusion devices include neutron generation, x-ray generation, and power generation.

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